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City braces for possible state cuts

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

A potential statewide tax shortfall of \$170 million has municipalities and school districts bracing for potential state-shared revenue cuts.

State revenue – which comes from sales tax dollars and is meted out to cities, villages and townships – equals about 60 percent of municipal budgets – means any mid-year cuts could be devastating for local government entities.

The City of Romulus has generally fared better than most cities because of a well-developed business and industrial base, but any mid-year cuts would still unsettle the budget, and city officials don't necessarily feel the cuts are fair.

"I don't think we can deal with any more cuts, were pretty tight right now," said Councilman Harry Crout, who worked on his first budget last year as a freshman councilman.

"We run a pretty tight ship, even though

we've been able to balance the budget."

So far, the city has been able to maintain its \$20 million general fund budget with few cuts – there have been no layoffs, and services have been maintained since a recession gripped the state in 2000. Some vacant positions have gone unfilled, or have been eliminated entirely, however.

The tax shortfall projected in Lansing is made up of several factors, including \$64 million less collected in sales tax and \$38 million less collected from income tax.

All of the shortfalls are the result of long-term economic conditions – workers are earning less, there are fewer employed residents, and there's been an exodus of citizens, which means there's substantially less state income and sales tax flowing into Michigan coffers.

Increased Medicaid costs are among also a cause, according to state economists.

A cut to municipalities could be divided in many ways: the cuts could come entirely to municipalities, or to schools, or a combination of both.

Either way, communities would be looking at possible cuts in services and personnel to balance the books because governmental units have few places they can trim expenditures.

The cuts are also devastating because the budgets are in place, which makes any mid-year cut difficult.

Mayor Alan Lambert, who with the city financial staff devises any budget amendments, did not return calls seeking comment Monday.

Crout said cutting any revenue streams to cities or townships is ill-advised because other governmental units – like colleges and universities, libraries, and public schools have been given raises, while municipal aid has held steady.

"I just don't think it's fair," he said.

Schools could end up taking the brunt. A \$170 raise in the foundation grant – or per-pupil funding – was granted last year, but was eaten up by increasing pension and health

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Moving along...

The new Romulus recreation center is taking shape, and some city officials toured the facility Friday. Visitors included Economic Development Director Tim Keyes, Mayor Alan Lambert, Recreation Director Kristen Irwin, DDA member Diane Banks, and the mayor's chief of staff, Betsey Kramptiz. To the right, Keyes explains the layout of the new building. For the full story about the recreation center, see page 7.

Recreation name up for debate

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

The Romulus Recreation Center has an ordinary name right now, but it could become more interesting soon.

There's a good chance that the center – which is under construction at the corner of Wayne and Northline roads – will be named by a citizen if the city follows through on a suggestion to sponsor a contest to come up with a suitable moniker.

"We've talked about having a contest, and we haven't made a decision yet," said Mayor Alan Lambert, who lobbied hard for the new facility. "I think it would be interesting to see what people come up with."

Naming facilities used to be fairly simple – a building would be named after someone who put a lot of energy into its existence, or it would be named after someone who had outstanding achievements in the community.

Today, there are more options.

The city could have a contest,

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Belleville EQ gets toxic fluid materials

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

An eerie case of déjà vu that played out in South Carolina means that about 20 trucks of toxic materials will be trans-

ported into the Environmental Quality (EQ) facility in Belleville near Interstate 94.

The trucks are being diverted from the EQ facility in Apex, N.C., after an Oct. 5 fire similar to the one that engulfed the EQ

Romulus plant on Van Born Road in August 2005.

Though initial media reports indicated that the toxic materials would be going to the

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Veteran's celebration

The fifth grade students of Edgemont Elementary celebrated Veteran's Day recently with members of the Yankee Air Force Museum. Teacher Pat Matkovic invites veterans every year, along with parents and grandparents to share their experience and stories. Veterans included Bob Schultz, a World War II pilot; Dick Bodycombe, a World War II pilot; Milton Riggs, a Korean War pilot; Walter Skszek, a World War II naval service man; Donald Hill, a military policeman; and Bette Watson, the education director for the museum. Each student also wrote an essay and made a card for the museum, too, which were then presented to the Yankee museum members. Students Kelsey Long, Devin Felt, Kris Scott and Wyatt Roddenberg read their essays during the event.

Yard waste pick-up ends

Van Buren residents should have all their yard waste properly packed and to the curb on or before pick-up day. Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the Thursday route will run on Nov. 24 and the Friday route will run on Nov. 25.

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Summer theater OK'd

Officials in Van Buren Township approved the use of Van Buren Park in the township by The 'Nowhere Near Broadway Players' to conduct stage performances this coming summer.

It will take place in August—later in the season—after the 'Sizzling Summer Nights' concert series.

Performances will take place

on Friday and Saturday nights. Tickets are \$10 for the show and \$3 for parking.

The 'Nowhere Near Broadway Players' are currently in the process of obtaining a non-profit designation. For more information about the upcoming shows or the theater group, contact the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce at (734) 697-7151.

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Girl, 11, uses money to wish soldiers well

Andrea King
Staff Writer

Unlike most girls her age, 11-year-old Destiny Eadie of Belleville decided to save the money she received for Christmas last year and use it for something charitable this holiday season.

She bought hundreds of Christmas cards, went door-to-door around her neighborhood and collected signatures and messages on the cards to be sent to the U.S. soldiers stationed in Iraq.

In one day, Eadie collected more than 300 cards from family, friends and area organizations. Her goal was to reach 2,000 cards, but she gathered well over 3,000, according to her mom, Shada Eadie.

"It's about getting as many people as possible to open their eyes and see what many of the soldiers are doing without," she said. "This is giving them a personal note, signature or something because for some this is all they get on Christmas."

Destiny Eadie started her holiday mission last year. Her dad, Mike, had a co-worker whose son was in Iraq to whom she wanted to send a card, Shada Eadie

said. Destiny looked him up on Anysoldier.com, but what she found was that he wasn't the only soldier in need.

"Destiny read all the postings and saw all the things they were doing without. She was very aware of the war and she wanted to let the soldiers know they're not forgotten," said Eadie.

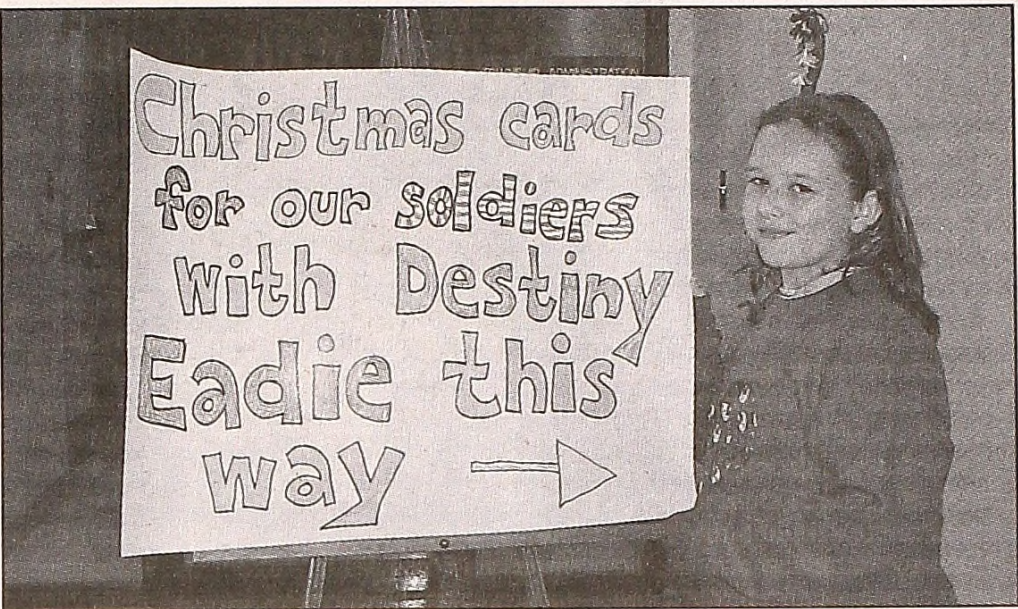
Destiny also inspired others to help too, like her former schoolmates at Savage Elementary, who donated Chapstick for care packages, the Military Moms of Michigan, who donated 300 signed cards.

South Middle School, where she currently goes to school, also got into the project by making care packages to send to the troops.

Destiny Eadie said she thinks the soldiers feel good knowing they're not forgotten.

"I didn't think it would be this big, but it just got bigger and bigger," she said. "Just knowing the soldiers will feel better and have this at Christmas time makes me feel good."

The cards will be mailed this week in hope for the soldiers to receive them by December 25. Eadie also plans to continue



Destiny Eadie, of Belleville, has reached her goal of 2,000 Christmas cards that will be sent to U.S. soldiers in Iraq this week.

her project year-round with a goal of 6,000 cards for next year.

"When Destiny puts her mind to something she accomplishes it," said Shada Eadie. "There's always a soldier somewhere who needs something and to know someone appreciates them. That's what Destiny feels."

To contribute, email cardsfromdestiny@yahoo.com. Cards can also be mailed to P.O. Box 324, Belleville, MI 48112.



Music to their ears

The Romulus band parents – who raise money for new equipment for the Marching Eagles – got together for the Band-A-Rama. The event this year raised money for new uniforms for the musicians through the raffle of an all-inclusive performance by the band wherever the winner wants it to take place. Parents show off the new uniforms to (left to right) Schools Superintendent Carl Weiss, board members Celeste Roscoe and Tom Kuderick, Sandy Mills, Christine Lefler, Rob and Theresa McLachlan, Karen Britz, and board member Ken Meinkiewicz.

Center - A contest for residents could choose name

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or choose names for residents to vote on, or officials could even sell naming rights to raise revenue to pay for activities at the new facility. High-profile facilities that either purchased or were given naming rights as an advertising tool include Comerica Park, Ford Field, and the DTE Energy Music Theater, which replaced the well-known buildings called Tiger Stadium and the Silverdome.

DTE Theater was renamed after owners elected to do away with the name Pine Knob.

There have been struggles with naming rights, however. Recently, Meijer Corp. offered the state \$1 million to cover the cost of paying a trail in a state park in Plainfield Township – near Grand Rapids – if it is named after the president of the retail chain, Fred Meijer.

However, state law prohibits naming rights for projects that have a public use – and that pro-

ject is in limbo.

Naming rights came up at the beginning of the recreation center construction, but little has been said about it since then.

The \$18 million recreation center is expected to be complete, and operating, by next summer. The name of the facility will be in place by then, Lambert said.

City council members are expected to take up the issue of how to go about naming the building soon.

Cuts

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care costs. The Romulus Community School District was forced to cut more than 40 jobs

this year because of budget woes.

The state budget – which has been in a perpetual deficit for about six years – is structured in such a way that can place local communities at a disadvantage. To avoid running huge, long-

term deficits, a law was enacted in the 1990s that made it illegal for the state to carry a deficit over to the following fiscal year.

That means the state does not have the luxury of working with a deficit until financial conditions improve.

Toxic - Fire spurred waste diversion

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Romulus facility, EQ spokesman Bob Doyle said the only diversion will take place in Belleville.

"The facility in Belleville is a waste disposal facility," he said. "It's not really a huge influx of trucks – it's about 25 roll-out boxes."

Romulus Mayor Alan Lambert said he's glad the diversion is not happening in his city, but said the activity of transporting such materials represents a hazard for the community.

"I'm not happy about it – I don't think anyone's happy about it," he said. "This stuff is dangerous; it's the same kind of thing with the injection wells. It's the kind of stuff you don't want in your community."

EQ is engaged in the practice of cleaning and remediating fluids like aircraft cleaners. The process encourages re-use of these chemicals.

Officials aren't so much concerned about what happens on the site, they're concerned about vehicle accidents that could dump harmful chemicals close to residential areas.

"An accident with one of the trucks could be disastrous for us," he said. "The whole region would be affected if one occurred. And it's not a matter of if it happens, it's when it happens."

Doyle said there are specific guidelines put into place that the company follows when moving fluids and materials from place to place.

"The roll-out boxes have safeguards," he said. "We follow all guidelines put into place by the Department of Transportation."

The EQ facility in Romulus went ablaze at about 9:30 p.m. on Aug. 8, 2005. About 1,200 residents in Romulus and Wayne were evacuated for one night

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Bob Doyle

while firefighters from all over Wayne County and beyond tried to quell the inferno.

Homes in the area were covered with ash. The Environmental Protection Agency and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality conducted air studies that indicated the levels of toxins thrown into the air by the fire were below levels that harm individuals.

To date, a cause for the fire has not been determined.

Fluids cleaned at the Romulus facility were taken to North Carolina and Detroit, where EQ has a second facility in Michigan.

During the Apex fire, about 17,000 people had to be evacuated, and EPA tests revealed the levels of toxins present in the air were negligible.

Lambert said Romulus has an emergency management team comprising fire and police personnel that can address an accident if it occurred. Belleville also has an emergency plan.

"We have a good plan, and we know that we can put it into place quickly to minimize damage and reduce the chance of people getting hurt," he said. "But we hope we don't have to use it."

The EQ facility in Romulus was closed for about a year, but recently re-opened.

EQ is headquartered in Cincinnati, Ohio, but has local offices in the City of Wayne.

OPINION

Close to home

Well, it's almost here: the start of another holiday shopping season.

It seems like we shoppers have a lot on our shoulders this year, with headlines blazing about the poor state of the economy, people talking about job losses and rising costs; municipal officials decrying cuts in state shared revenues—funding that is based in part on the sales tax.

It's a lot to take in.

After the annual holiday food fest that is Thanksgiving, most of us will wake from their post-meal naps just in time to head for the stores while the roosters—those that survived the holiday meals—are still slumbering.

Here's something to consider as you're leafing through your special advertising sections, plotting out your day—and the holiday shopping season in general.

Don't forget about the locals.

Large corporate conglomerates like the big box stores may be a part of what makes up the fabric of the United States, but the small retailers are what make up our respective communities. These are the people who make our towns and cities so unique, that make walking our streets such a pleasure and make our postal codes a point of pride.

They're hurting, too, in an economy where people are afraid to spend.

It might be tempting to brave the crowds at the bland big boxes, the malls, but if atmosphere is what you crave, visit the many downtowns throughout the area and help support the people who support the community all year long.

Not in my back yard?

A project designed to reduce sewer backups and bring a recreational amenity to the Canton community has some residents up in arms.

The project is a sanitary relief sewer that will be constructed along the lower branch of the Rouge River, just north of Michigan Avenue. As the township population grows, the need for sewer capacity will, too, and this is designed to help offset excessive flows during particularly wet times of the year.

Since it is planned for a relatively nice, wooded section of the community, those in charge of the project wanted to try to make a positive thing out of it, by putting in a paved pathway there after the work is done.

Surprisingly, that has ruffled a few feathers.

Well, there are a few things to think about with this plan. First of all, the sewer work is going to happen anyway and there's no gentle way to install a new line. You have to dig. Sewer lines have other requirements, too, such as the ability for maintenance people to access them should the need ever arise. There will be some kind of pathway or maintenance road put in after the project is complete.

Recreational pathways represent a burning need in the community, too. Studies have indicted that is the one amenity people would like to see more of—places to ride their bikes, jog, rollerblade, skateboard, or simply get out and walk. Some communities have made great advancements in this—Northville Township has been steadily developing an extensive system—but Wayne County generally lags behind other communities in this endeavor.

There is the framework for a superb community bikeway already in place. Along I-275, the pathway has essentially gone to seed, although an effort is under way to spruce it up and make it viable again. Even in the current condition, though, it sees a lot of use and

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The unpleasant, expensive truth

Rumors of the demise of a mass transit line between Ann Arbor and Detroit may have been greatly exaggerated.

The Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) has been researching such a plan, proposing several alternatives—in both form of transportation and the routes they would take—and recently released a preliminary study that said the most expensive of those proposals weren't feasible.

The key is that it only suggested doing away with the most expensive proposals. It said nothing about the lack of need for such a system.

It was hardly surprising news, too. The most expensive proposals including the construction of a light rail system along Michigan Avenue—probably in the center right of way, a sort of sleek suburban monorail. In today's economic climate, that was probably always a pie in the sky plan, anyway. Where would the funding for such a thing come from? Not the State of Michigan, which has little to spare, not the federal government which is spending its money overseas nor Wayne County or any of the impacted communities, which are suffering because of the finances of the state and federal government.

The second high-priced alternative was constructing a dedicated passenger line along the

Norfolk Southern Line, which parallels Michigan Avenue. That would be ideal because passenger trains wouldn't have to compete with freight trains—and any driver knows freight trains always win that battle. It, too, was a bit far fetched.

That still leaves a number of alternatives, including the existing railroad line, as well as vamping up a regional bus service. Those would still be expensive, but when you start thinking about using and upgrading existing facilities, the ratio between riders and cost becomes more favorable.

This is an important concept for many communities along the Michigan Avenue corridor. The City of Wayne has actively pushed for such a plan to take place, hoping to secure a stop within the community. The Andrews University study, which was undertaken last year and completed earlier this year, suggested that the city would benefit from transit-oriented development, essentially proposing that the city could use a train or bus hub as a spring board to develop a new town center.

It still makes sense, too. Wayne came to be in

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The truth in 'Murphy's Law'

Murphy's Law boasts, "Anything that can go wrong will." That is a perfect way to describe last Thursday. While I was in Plymouth conducting interviews, my car—a usually reliable 1992 Plymouth Voyager—would not start.

Here I am, the new writer for *The Plymouth Journal*, and on my first week on the job with my car stuck at the Plymouth Arts Council building.

After spending a good 20 minutes in the parking lot turning the key hoping for ignition, I finally realized it was futile. I needed to go back to the council office and use the phone to call someone from the Journal Newspapers to pick me up.

However, something completely unexpected happened. A woman who works at the Arts Council offered to drive me back to the office. I kindly and graciously accepted her offer.

I've been a journalist for several years and while my experience as a reporter has been positive; usually communities take a wait-and-see approach with media newcomers. This woman just saw a fellow human being in need and jumped into action.

I went back to the office and finished my work for the day. However, I still had one major prob-

lem...my car was still at the Arts Council half-parked in the space I managed to push it to. I asked my editor, Scott Spielman to take me back to Plymouth so my ride could pick me up and we could see about moving my vehicle.

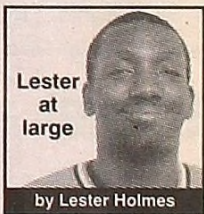
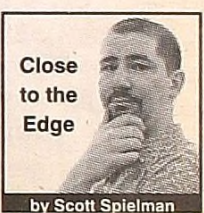
I live in Detroit and it takes me at least 30 minutes to get home. It was already 6:30 p.m. and dark.

Scott dropped me off at Arta's Coney Island located in a shopping complex near Ann Arbor and Sheldon roads. Once again the hospitality of Plymouth came shining through.

Since my cell phone was dead (remember Murphy's Law) I asked one of the cooks if I could use the phone. Without hesitation he handed me the phone and I left a message for a friend giving my location.

One of the waitresses then proceeded to give me a much-appreciated glass of water and a person eating at the diner was kind enough to let me use her phone. Mind you, I hadn't met any of these people before.

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part because of its location between Detroit and Chicago, where U.S. 12 was once the only road between the two metropolises. It's just as perfectly situated between Detroit and Ann Arbor, too,

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putting in pathways like the one proposed between Canton Center and Haggerty roads is a good step in the right direction.

Will it solve the problem? Not on its own. For a while it will stand as a solitary piece with no direction connection anywhere, other than the proposed parking lot that will be constructed near Morton Taylor Road.

Murphy's Law

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Too bad my ride home was stuck in class at Wayne State University and several of my calls went directly to voice mail. That's when the patrons and the staff of Arta's stepped in and helped.

After they gave me friendly advice on my car trouble and provided other resources, I was on my way to get my car. As I walked down the road another person who was jogging along Sheldon gave me a key piece of advice.

"Your car is on a slope. Put it on flat ground and it will turn over," he said as he helped me push the car into the street.

at about the halfway point.

A more modest regional transportation system—as long as it's effective—still makes sense for the communities in western Wayne County. It makes sense for officials in Wayne to keep pressing the issue, too, as they did this year by seeking letters of support from their neighbors. The transportation plan and the Andrews plan can still yield benefits for the community.

You can't solve a puzzle all at once, though, even if you have all of the pieces. You have to work steadily at it. The township has a plan to connect this pathway up to other ones that will be constructed as development takes shape throughout the community, as well as to the I-275 bike path, too.

It's unfortunate that the proposed area has to be disturbed, at all, but we like the idea of putting in a pathway when the project is done and adding to it in the future. It seems like a good way to make a positive improvement, below and above ground.

Well, what do you know? It worked!

In a span of four hours, I learned all I needed to know about the communities of Plymouth and Plymouth Township. Sure I still need Mapquest® to get around, but I know the important things.

The people in this community gave me a fair shake, many of them not realizing that I'm a reporter in the area. They reacted to a person who was a little down on his luck and for no personal gain of their own decided to help in their own way.

It's impossible to predict what stories will develop in the community during the course of my tenure with the Journal Newspapers. But whatever the issues of the day, I will give the community a fair, honest shake.



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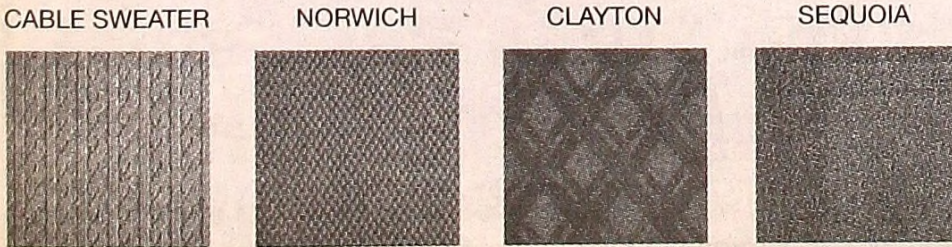
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Students to help renovate area park building

Andrea King
Staff Writer

Van Buren Township and the Van Buren Public School District have joined forces for a new project.

The Belleville High School Building and Trades Program will provide the labor to renovate the former concessions building in Van Buren Park. The township board of trustees approved the first steps to making the cooperative effort possible recently.

Initially, the students were planning to renovate the historical Riggs farmhouse, but because

of environmental risks including mold, lead paint and asbestos, that plan has been cancelled, according to Anthony Mulkey, parks manager for Van Buren Township.

"As we were approaching the project those several issues prevented us from drafting an agreement to put the students to work," he said. "We have been in consultation with specialists that can remove the environmental concerns, but it will take a considerable amount of time to accomplish."

"While we deal with the environmental mitigation we would

like to provide the program with work that will not only allow the students to improve their skills and abilities, but also something beneficial to the community," said Mulkey.

That project is now the rehabilitation of the park concessions building. The building has fallen into a state of general disrepair, Mulkey said, requiring a new roof, secure doors and improvements to the paneling and trim. Now, with the Building and Trades students providing the labor, the

township will not have to hire a professional contractor and will save funds as well, he said.

Township officials hope to see not only a revitalized building when complete, but also one that is secure, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible and can be used as a contact station to address park visitors.

The Building and Trades Program typically builds a house

each school year. However, this year, officials decided on a different approach after the slow housing market left the home students built last year unsold, according to officials.

The current township recreation master plan includes improvements for the area and, in 2004, Van Buren Township was awarded a parks and recreation grant from Wayne County.



Hot topics

Members of the Belleville Fire Department received honors recently for completing the Rapid Intervention Team (RIT) training and the Arson Investigation Training. Firefighters Mike Gudith, Mark Schlund, Jim Stewart, Lee Grant and Kris Rix all received the RIT training certificates. Grant and Rix also received the Arson Investigation Training Certificates. (also pictured Fire Chief Darwin Loyer.)

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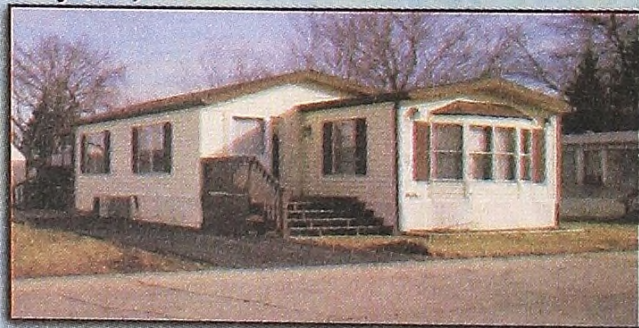
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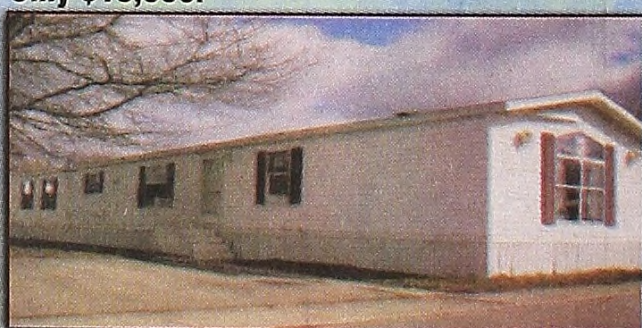
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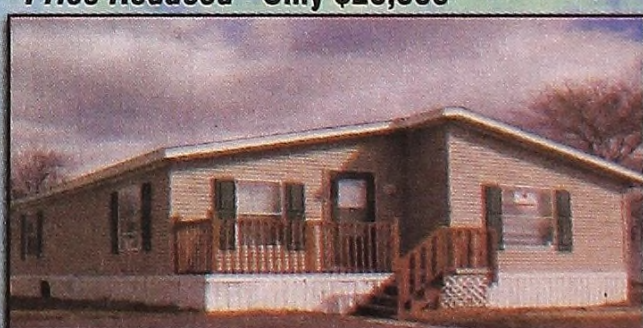
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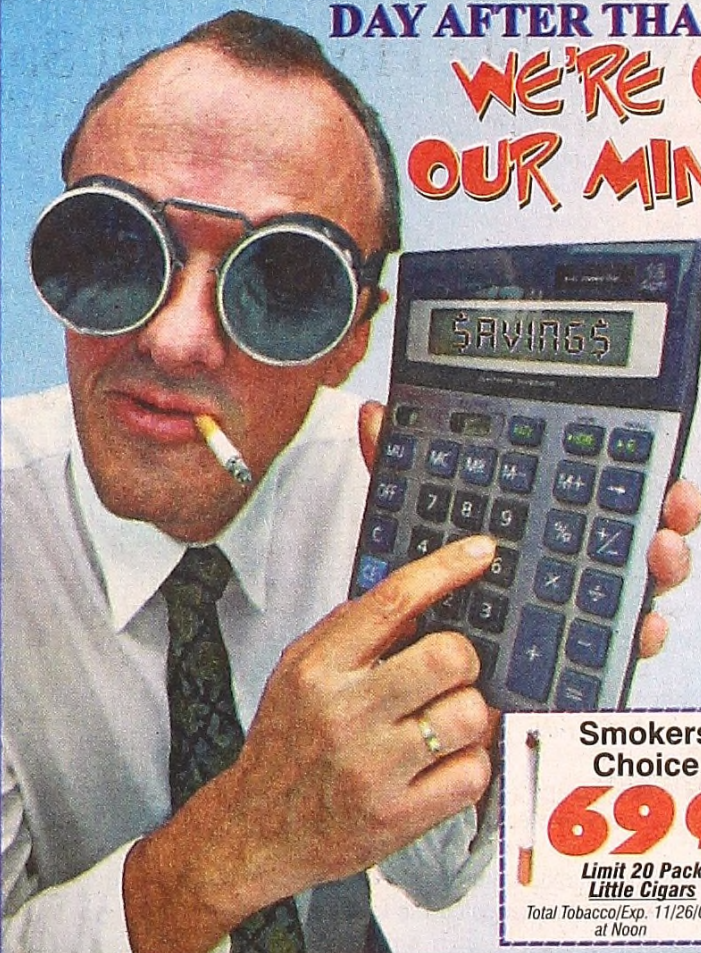
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swimming pools – an Olympic-style pool, a hot tub that seats 20 people, a kiddie pool with a side and a fountain-like pool are included in those.

Party rooms are located near the pools, so families can reserve one for a pool party and still be close to their children. All of the pools will be glassed in so that swimmers can enjoy the water in the winter.

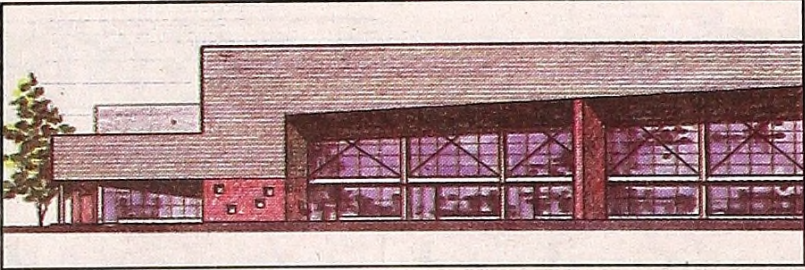
A one-tenth mile walking

track will be on the second floor, along with a dance room for gymnastics, dance lessons and other activities. Those running on the track will be able to look down on the pools and the gyms.

A rock-climbing wall that extends from the floor to the ceiling will also be in place.

The teen gym will have floor hockey and other games, along with wide-screen TVs. Lambert said he is still exploring the opportunity to have teens weigh in on some of the furnishings for the room.

A full-service banquet hall is also part of the center. The ban-



quet hall will seat about 20 people for weddings and other large events. The room can be divided for smaller events such as seminars or baby showers.

The banquet hall is the only part of the center that will be designed in the traditional mode, Keyes said.

“In the main facility, you’re going to see light woods, but in the banquet hall, we chose darker woods to create a more upscale atmosphere,” he said.

The rest of the facility harkens back to the building’s industrial use. Lambert said rafters and beams on the ceiling

that are currently exposed would remain that way to pay homage to the city’s industrial past. The overall effect will have the feel of a loft, he said.

Management, and fees for the facility, are yet to be determined. Keyes said that staffing, training and overseeing the facility before it opens is a massive task, and a firm that specializes in recreation management will need to be brought on help officials balance all of those considerations.

The center will be self-supporting due to membership fees and rental fees, Lambert said.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 14, 2006

Supervisor King called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor King, Clerk Payne, Treasurer Budd, Trustee Clair and Trustee Jahr. Absent and excused: Trustee Hart and Trustee Rochowiak. Others in attendance: Planning and Economic Development Director Kelley, Captain Brooks, Recreation and Facilities Director Ross, Parks Manager Mulkey, Chief Nicholai, Executive Assistant Ireland, Secretary Cline and an audience of sixteen (16).

Supervisor King announced that 34th District Court Judge David Parrott swore in recently elected Trustee Lianne I. Clair as Trustee during the Work Study Meeting held yesterday.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Jahr moved, Budd seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: Treasurer Budd moved, Clerk Payne seconded to open the public hearing to hear public comment on establishing a Special Assessment District (SAD) for the purpose of installing and maintaining street lighting within the Country Walk phases 3 and 4. Carried.

Supervisor King opened the public hearing and stated the developer Creative Land Design, LLC faxed a letter to Director Kelley today requesting this public hearing be postponed until Creative Land Design had additional time to complete their review with DTE and did not expect a significant delay. Supervisor King further stated since this public hearing was noticed in the newspaper and notices were mailed to all benefited property owners the public hearing should be held. Supervisor King went to Director Kelley for an explanation. Director Kelley stated he researched this request from the developer to postpone the public hearing and stated regardless there would need to be another notice published in the newspaper and mailed to all benefited property owners for this same public hearing whether there is new information or not in order to meet the State of Michigan’s requirements regarding the street lighting special assessment process. The original request from the developer and the purpose of this public hearing is for the Township to establish a Special Assessment District for the purpose of installing and maintaining street lights through the DTE Energy Company program for Country Walk Condominiums Phases 3 and 4 located on Savage Road between Martinsville Road and Lenmoore Ave. The purpose of this public hearing is to receive comments and questions regarding the setting up of the geographic boundaries for the Special Assessment District (SAD). After the district is approved a second public hearing will be held for spreading of the assessment roll. The Township uses the special assessment process to provide a method to collect payment for street lighting via the property tax bill. The initial capital outlay at this time is in the amount of \$71,262 and is to be paid by the developer. The initial annual cost of \$14,102.53 is to be spread among the 239 single-family residential homes in Phases 3 and 4 with an annual cost of \$59.01 per lot. Supervisor King stated forty-seven street lights would be installed.

There were no comments from the Board or the Audience.

There being no further discussion, a motion was made to close the public hearing.

Payne moved, Jahr seconded to close the public hearing. Carried.

MINUTES: Budd moved, Clair seconded to approve the Work Study Session Minutes of October 16, 2006 as presented. Carried.

Payne moved, Budd seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of October 17, 2006 as presented. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: A letter from a poll watcher thanking Clerk Payne for her efforts in making a high voter turnout election run smoothly.

A letter from Huron Valley Ambulance thanking the Township for holding the open house for the new fire station and complimented the facility.

A letter from the daughter of a former Van Buren Township resident and September Days member who passed away in August to Senior Director Combs and the Senior Department for their assistance given to her mother by the September Days Senior Center during her illness.

On Friday, November 24th and Saturday, November 25th members of the Belleville and Van Buren Public Safety Departments will hold their annual Goodfellows paper sale.

Yard waste pick up in Van Buren Township will end the week of November 20th through 25th. In addition, rubbish pick up scheduled for Thursday, November 23rd

will be picked up on Friday, and the Friday, November 24th pick up will be collected on Saturday.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Jahr moved, Budd seconded to postpone the adoption of Resolution 2006-37 to establish a Special Assessment District (SAD) for the purpose of installing and maintaining street lights in the Country Walk Subdivision Phases 3 and 4. Carried.

Clair moved, Budd seconded to adopt the 2007 Work Study Session and Regular Meeting Calendar. Carried.

Jahr moved, Payne seconded to adopt the 2007 Holiday Calendar. Carried.

Jahr moved, Budd seconded to approve Township attorney hourly rate for general work at \$136/hour and \$156/hour for litigation for calendar years 2007 and 2008, noting this is an eight dollar increase to rates. Carried.

Payne moved, Clair seconded to approve the 2007 SMART Municipal Contract and to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the contract. Carried.

Budd moved, Clair seconded to approve the wastewater agreement for American Waste Technologies and to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the agreement. Carried.

Payne moved, Budd seconded to approve the agreement between Van Buren Township and the Van Buren Public Schools to allow the School’s Building and Trades Program to provide volunteer labor for needed repairs to the former concessions building in Van Buren Park [located at 50901 S. I-94 Service Drive] and to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the agreement. Carried.

Budd moved, Jahr seconded to approve the proposal to use Van Buren Park for a theatrical performance. Carried.

VOUCHER LIST: Budd moved, Clair seconded to approve and November 14, 2006 voucher list as presented. Carried.

REPORTS: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The Belleville tree lighting ceremony will held at the Belleville Area Museum on Friday, December 1st at 5:00 p.m.

Township Administrative Offices will be closed on Thursday, November 23rd and Friday, November 24th for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Clerk Payne announced a fifty-five percent turn out of registered voters for the November 7th General Election and further stated the township would be looking into adjusting precinct boundary lines and adding more precincts.

Trustee Jahr thanked Clerk Payne for her efforts during the recent election.

The Recreation Department is offering the following programs and events. The annual ‘Holiday Arts and Craft Show’ will be held on Saturday, December 2nd from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and a brunch with Santa on Sunday, December 17th at 11:00 a.m. in the Van Buren Township Dining Room. For more information contact the Recreation Department at 699.8921.

Captain Brooks stated on Friday, November 24th and Saturday, November 25th members of the Belleville and Van Buren Public Safety Departments will hold their annual Goodfellows paper sale from dawn until dusk.

AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items): Two Van Buren Township precinct delegates from the 8th precinct voiced their concerns about the room used as a voting precinct within North Middle School and other related election issues. Clerk Payne stated she would be discussing this with the Superintendent of the Van Buren Public Schools for a resolution.

CLOSED SESSION: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Budd moved, Payne seconded to adjourn at 8:44 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Joannie D. Payne, CMC
Township Clerk

Cindy C. King
Township Supervisor

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SPORTS

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Inkster junior quarterback Aaron Shavers (above) threw for 306 yards and two touchdowns to help his Vikings beat Montague, 53-34, in a Division 6 state semi final showdown at Olivet College on Saturday.

Photo by Carl Brown

Ford Field bound Vikings win semifinal shootout

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

It took more than 600 yards and seven touchdowns to do it, but the mighty Inkster Vikings did it.

They beat Montague High School, 53-34, in a Division 6 semifinal at Olivet College on Saturday and are now bound for Ford Field with a chance at their first-ever State Championship.

Inkster (12-1) will have the chance to hoist the state championship hardware when they face off against Saginaw Nouvel (11-0), the No. 1 ranked team in Division 6, at 4:30 pm on Friday.

For a team that relies heavily on its experienced defense—one that has held opponents to single digits throughout the post season—Inkster had to change gears and ride on the back of its offense on Saturday.

"It was a war," said Inkster Coach Greg Carter, who's looking for his fifth state title after winning four as head coach of the Detroit St. Martin de Porress. "The kids played solid but the defense struggled in the second half. I knew Montague was good, but I didn't think we would give up 34 points. The offense pulled us through."

What the Vikings didn't accomplish on the ground they got done through the air.

Between senior running backs Tim Hogue and Anre' Goree and junior quarterback Aaron Shavers, Inkster racked up 300 yards with a ground assault.

Goree earned the most yards in the ground attack. He pulled together 165 on 24 attempts and scored twice.

He plunged in from the one-yard line on Inkster's first possession to knot the game, 7-7. Then in the third he was the sole carrier on the team's three-play 56-yard drive. He capped off the quick drive with a five-yard jaunt into the end zone, making it a 40-20 game. The performance put him at 19 rushing touchdowns for the season.

The Goree show didn't stop there. He opened up the second half with an 85-yard kickoff return score for a 21-7 lead. He also had a key interception on the Viking 7 that would have brought Montague within six points with about six minutes left to play.

"The interception was key," Carter said. "Montague had gotten the ball on an onside kick and if they would have scored they probably would have tried another onside kick to go for the win. That was an important point in the game."

Hogue, recovering from a shoulder injury against Olivet last week, managed 57 yards on nine carries and two scores, boosting his touchdown total to 20 for the year. He scored from 11 yards out at 5:19 of the second frame—the only score of the quarter—to put his team up 14-7 and again from nine yards at 6:54 of the third to give the Vikings a 33-14 edge. He also caught one pass for 12 yards.

Shavers finished off the scoring on a 22-yard option with about two minutes to play. He was spectacular through the air, completing 11 of 17 for 306 yards and two scores.

He connected with junior wide out Renty Rollins on a fade

route for a 60-yard score at 9:27 of the third. They hooked up again at 11:49 of the fourth for a 62-yard scoring play for Inkster to take a 46-27 advantage. Rollins finished with six snags for 183 yards.

Junior receiver Derrick Coker had another outstanding game, catching three passes for 105.

Inkster will have one less day and Thanksgiving to practice around before heading to the big turf at Ford Field. Even so, the emotions and excitement are sure to run high on Friday.

"The Inkster kids are excited because they have never been there before," Carter said. "The kids that came over from de Porress with me are excited because a lot of people doubted their choice to go to Inkster and they have a chance to prove them wrong."

Canton blanked in semi final

The Rockford Rams squashed the Canton Chiefs' hopes of returning to Ford Field for a second consecutive try at a State championship.

The Rams scored in every quarter on Saturday's semifinal match-up at Lansing Everett High School to walk away with a 30-0 victory. Rockford limited Canton to 100 yards rushing and snagged two interceptions.

Rockford was the same team that defeated the Chiefs in the State finale last year on the big turf in downtown Detroit.

Romulus wins district crown

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Riding high off of the giant upset victory against Belleville last Wednesday, the Romulus Lady Eagles defeated Ypsilanti High School, 46-36, at home on Friday night.

The win earned second-year Head Coach Candice Finley her first district championship, "It feels good," she said. "It's just another stepping stone on the way to a state championship. It's exciting for me and the girls."

Romulus came out with its press defense that held the Lady Braves scoreless in the first quarter and limited them to just seven points in the second. The Eagles got things done early on offense, too. They carried a 21-7 lead into the locker room at half time.

Ypsi got its offense going in the second half. The Braves narrowed the gap to 35-22 in the third frame and outscored the Eagles, 14-11, in the final eight minutes but it wasn't enough.

Senior Erika Wasson led Romulus with 14. Junior Jasmine Brown hit for 11.

Romulus took on Temperance Bedford at Saline High School on Monday but the results were not available at press time.

Romulus had already proved that anything could happen in the post season when they upset Belleville—the No. 5 ranked team in the state—at home on Wednesday night in a district semi final match-up. They came back from an eight-point third-

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Belleville couldn't get past Romulus in district play on Wednesday.

Inkster wins district title

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Inkster's Lady Vikings proved they could overcome adversity.

It wasn't easy, but Inkster battled the Fighting Irish Ladies of Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard to a 65-56 victory at Allen Park-Cabrini on Friday night. The win was good for the team's second district championship under the guidance of second-year head coach Peggy Carr.

"We worked for it," she said. "This is a good win for us to know that we can come from behind and win. That's some-

thing we've struggled with all season."

Inkster trailed by six in the third and by four half way through the fourth until the Vikings' star senior guard Lonnie Terrell found her rhythm—better late than never—and scored 15 in the quarter, including 9-of-13 from the line down the stretch. She finished with a game high 31 points.

"Everybody on the team respects Lonnie and they feed off of her," Carr said. "So at the beginning she was slow going

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SPORTS

Canton beats Salem, falls in district finale

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Canton Lady Chiefs had the comeback of the season against Salem last Wednesday but they couldn't repeat in the district finale against Novi on Friday in South Lyon.

Novi won, 47-36, to secure the district title.

"The story of the game was we couldn't make shots and Novi did," said Canton Coach Brian Samulski. "We cut (the lead) to four at one time in the fourth but we couldn't get it less than four."

Canton took an 11-10 first quarter lead but shots missed their marks in the second, allowing the Wildcats to take 26-17 half-time lead. Novi kept the pace going and outscored Canton, 25-19 in the second half.

Senior Ja'nee Morton led Canton with 12 points and six rebounds. Becci Houdek added nine points and Baylee Hollowell added six and grabbed a team high 12 rebounds.

"We finished the season 19-3, division

champs, and conference champs," Samulski said, "so even though we lost Friday night I think the kids had a great season and they should be proud of what they accomplished."

The biggest game of the district tournament was on Wednesday against Salem, when the district semi final at South Lyon—a grudge match between the rival Rocks and Chiefs—was decided in the final seconds.

The two teams split games during the regular season—Salem won the early non-division game while Canton rebounded to take the conference championship.

The first two games were methodical, slow, low-scoring affairs. The third wasn't all that different. That is until the final three minutes of the game—a game that saw Canton battle back after they trailed for the first 29 minutes.

The Lady Chiefs got big baskets from their seniors, Houdek, Delapaz and Morton when they needed them, but it was junior center Baylee Hollowell that earned the star for the day. She took a pass from Houdek under the basket, then battled for the

rebound of her missed shot and scored on a final buzzer-beater layup to win the game, 37-35.

It sounds simple enough, but it was a tough game up to that point for the Chiefs.

Down 6-2, Canton got a patented 'we're-down-but-not-out triple' from Houdek and junior Hillary Payne split a pair from the line to knot the first quarter, 6-6.

Salem had back-to-back big plays from sophomore Chelsea Davis to take a 14-10 lead in the second frame but Morton converted a three-point play to make it a one-point game.

Canton scored the first four points after

the intermission to take its first lead of the contest. The Lady Rocks buckled down and went on a 7-2 run, including four points from senior Teresa Copiellie, to go back on top, 21-19. Salem escaped the round with a two-point advantage, 25-23.

The rivals traded baskets throughout the first half of the final round until Canton junior center Marie Martin hit for a deuce. Then Morton drove one in and Houdek hit for a 33-30 Canton lead. Alaya Mitchell knocked down a triple to tie for Salem.

In the final seconds the ball ended up in the hands of Houdek who found the open Hollowell.

CITY OF ROMULUS

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Linda Choate
City Clerk

November 22, 2006

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN

Board of Trustees

Notice of Public Hearing

Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., December 05, 2006
Board Room Van Buren Township Hall

Agenda: Discussion regarding:

2006 Amended General Fund Budget
2007 Proposed General Fund Budget
Special Revenue Funds:

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
Downtown Development Authority (DDA)
LDFA Fund
Capital Improvement Fund
Landfill Fund
Lohr Road Project, Special Assessment District
Bemis Road Project, Special Assessment District
Belleville Area Museum Fund
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Posted: November 17, 2006, 1:00 p.m.
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CITY OF ROMULUS

REQUEST TO RECEIVE BIDS

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- WATER SERVICE REPAIR PARTS

The City of Romulus, Michigan is seeking bids from qualified vendors for the above item/items.

(1) Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit bids must do so on forms provided by the City. Bid forms and specifications may be obtained from the City of Romulus Web Site,
<http://www.romulusgov.com/index.asp?site=24&item=1441>

(2) Bids must be received by the City Clerk's Office no later than 3:00 pm, Tuesday, November 28, 2006. At which time said bids are to be publicly opened and read.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN

Community Development Block Grant

Use of Funds

On December 5, 2006, in accordance with guidelines of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, Van Buren Township will hold the second of two public hearings in order to receive comments from residents of the community on the proposed use of the Township's 2007-2008 Community Development Block Grant funds. The estimated funding level for the 2007-2008 CDBG Budget Year is \$133,000.

The CDBG program gives priority to those qualified activities which further national objectives. These objectives are:

- To assist low and moderate-income persons
- To address slum or blight conditions
- To meet a particularly urgent community development need

The Public Hearing will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the Van Buren Township Hall located at 46425 Tyler Road. The following projects are subject to approval by the Board of Trustees:

ADA	\$25,000
Public Services	
Youth Services	\$13,270
Senior Services	\$12,000
Housing Rehabilitation	\$69,430
Planning / Administration	\$13,300
Total Funding	\$133,000

Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Developmental Services until 5:00 p.m. on the date of the above reference Public Hearing.

In the spirit of compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with a disability should feel free to contact the Department of Developmental Services at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the meeting, if requesting accommodations.

Joannie D. Payne, CMC,
Township Clerk
Charter Township of Van Buren

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SPORTS

Eagles

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game, 62-60. Afterward, they celebrated like they had just won the state championship. Belleville had beat Romulus twice in the regular season and won the Mega Red Conference, which both teams belong, outright. The Lady Tigers, led by senior guards Danica Holmes and Taylor Manley, won their last 18 games and were favored to win the district and make a serious run in the state tournament. It came down to who wanted it

more and from the looks of it, it was Romulus' junior Jasmine Brown that wanted it most. She drained 31 points, leading all scorers. Romulus went into the fourth quarter down, 47-40, but the Lady Eagles, led by Brown, went on a 12-4 run to start the final frame. She scored 10 of those points in the span to take a 52-51 lead with 3:26 left to play. The Lady Tigers turned over the ball and missed some free shots down the stretch, allowing Romulus to hold on for the win. " (Romulus) did an excellent job," said Belleville Coach Kevin Edwards. "Their girls worked hard and they deserve it. They played

harder than us all night long; that's what it was. "We just didn't do what we were supposed to do," he added. "We started throwing the ball away and making unforced errors and right away I knew it wasn't there for us." Romulus came out fired up, taking a 15-8 lead off of senior Erica Wasson's triple to end the first round of play. In the second, Manley got her shot going. She scored 14 in the quarter. Romulus, however, clung to a one-point lead, 30-29, at the halfway point. Holmes had a solid third period. She scored nine for the Tigers. Manley added seven to give Belleville a 47-40 lead going into the final eight minutes.

Vikings

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beginning she was slow going into it and everybody else was slow, too. So it's important for Lonnie to come out and set the tone for the team. "I thought things changed when Lonnie started taking over the game" she added. "She had a couple of steals and some layups to get things going and everybody else started following suit." Terrell recently signed her letter of intent to play basketball a Central Florida University, was named first team all-conference

and is in the running for Michigan's Miss Basketball. She also scored 35 in last Wednesday's semifinal win against host Cabrini. The contest looked like it would be a breeze for the Lady Vikings when they started off the first quarter with a 12-3 run on their way to win the frame, 18-12. Inkster moved the ball well and had five different scorers with Terrell leading the way with eight. Inkster expanded its lead to 10 but Richard put the fight in the Fighting Irish, going on a 13-0 sprint that included a beauty of a triple from senior Katie Falvey to finish the half with a 30-27 advantage.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL HELD NOVEMBER 6, 2006, IN THE ROMULUS CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER 11111 S. WAYNE ROAD, ROMULUS, MICHIGAN 48174.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Randolph Gear. Present: John Barden, Ellen Craig-Bragg, Harry Crout, William Crova, Randolph Gear, William Wadsworth. Excused: LeRoy Burcroff Officials in Attendance: Alan R. Lambert, Mayor Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk Pamela Morrison/Kersey, CMFA, Treasurer

1. Motion by Crova, supported by Barden to approve the agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-371

2. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Bragg to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held October 23, 2006.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

3. No Petitioners.

06-372

4A. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Bragg to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Oceolar Courtney.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-373

4B. Motion by Crova, supported by Bragg to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Mrs. Nevilles.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-374

4C. Motion by Crova, supported Wadsworth to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Harold Dean Burcroff.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-375

4D. Motion by Crout, supported by Barden to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Paul Dorman.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-376

4E. Motion by Barden, supported by Wadsworth to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Quantinella (a.k.a. Tina) Davis.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-377

4F. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Crova to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Joyce Stears.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-378

4G. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Bragg to recognize the Romulus Little League, as a non-profit charitable organization for the purpose of obtaining a gaming License for their February 2006 fund raiser. Further to issue a No-Fee Permit.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

4. Motion by Barden, supported by Crova to accept the Chairperson's Report.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-379

5A. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Bragg to introduce Budget Amendment 06/07-14:

ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	BUDGET	AMENDMENT	BUDGET
Fund/Dept.				
Expenditure				
101-5160-751.70-10	Regular Salaries & Wages	50,000	21,577	71,577
101-5160-751.70-24	Part-time Salaries & Wages	65,000	4,080	69,080
101-5160-751.70-27	Compensated Absences	0	5,241	5,241
101-5160-751.72-10	Social Security	7,130	1,916	9,046
101-5160-751.72-20	Medicare	1,668	448	2,116
101-5160-751.72-30	Retirement	4,750	2,050	6,800
101-5160-751.72-80	Worker's Compensation	2,852	122	2,974
Fund Balance				
101-0000-390.00-00	Fund Balance	1,455,849	35,434	1,491,283

To allocate funds for new Senior Services Coordinator, additional part-time office staff and retiring Director Expenses.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth. Nays -Crout. Motion Carried.

06-380

5B. Motion by Crova, supported by Wadsworth to authorize a one (1) year lease agreement between the City of Romulus and American Harley-Davidson, Inc. for the lease of two (2) Police Package Motorcycles in the amount of \$2,400.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-381

6A1. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Bragg to concur with the Advisory Appointment Committee and appoint the below listed individuals to the Zoning Board of Appeals as follows:

Re-appoint Donald Morris to a three-year term ending June 30, 2009
Appoint Melvin Zilka to a three-year term ending June 30, 2009
Appoint John Clark as two-year alternate-term ending June 30, 2008.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously

06-382

6A2. Motion by Barden, supported by Crova to schedule a Study Session in the City of Romulus Council Chamber, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan on Monday, December 4, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the City of Romulus Sign Ordinance.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

11. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Bragg to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectly submitted,
Linda Choate, Clerk City of Romulus, Michigan

I, Linda R. Choate, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held November 6, 2006

Linda R. Choate,
Clerk City of Romulus, Michigan

Publish: November 22, 2006

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1. Obituaries

ZIELINSKI-
BUDIMEROVICH, Dawn M., 42, of Gallatin, TN (formerly of Belleville), passed away Tuesday, November 14, 2006 in Gallatin, TN. She was born August 6, 1964 in West Covina, CA, the daughter of Ron and Julie (Adomitis) Zielinski, who survive. On July 31, 1993 she married Michael Budimirovich who survives. Other survivors include: grandmother Julia Adomitis of Gallatin, TN; one sister, Kerry Zielinski of Flat Rock; nieces, Daschi and Chelsea; nephews, Bobby, Scotty and Jeremiah; and several aunts, uncles, other nieces and nephews and many friends. The service was held November 18, 2006 at Stark Funeral Service Moore Memorial Chapel. Interment was at St. Patrick Cemetery, Whitmore Lake, MI. Contributions in Dawn's memory may be made to the family (envelopes may be obtained from the funeral home). Please sign Dawn's guest book at: www.starkfuneral.com.

6. Legal-Notices

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Space #844-Kenneth Dotson: Household Furnishings, household goods, boxes/bags, toys, hand tools, power tools, recreation equipment, lawn care equipment, other misc. items, Space #924-John Wagner: Misc. small appliances, TV/electronics, household furnishings, household goods, boxes/bags, toys, power tools, recreation equipment, lawn care equipment, snow removal equipment, other misc. items, Space #729-Abby Morris: TV/electronics, household furnishings, household goods, boxes/bags, exercise equipment, other misc. items

Notice is hereby given that on 12/13/06 at 1:00pm the following will be sold by competitive bidding at Stor-N-Lock, 7840 N. Wayne Road, Westland, MI: Space #D28-L. Kai Hopkins: Misc. small appliances, household furnishings, misc. household goods, misc. boxes/bags, toys, power tools, recreation equipment, other misc. items, Space #E20-Tracy Burden: Misc. small appliances, household furnishings, household goods, misc. boxes/bags, other misc. items

Notice of Public Sale. On Dec. 14, 2006 at 12:30pm, U-Store-It 401, 28266 Ecorse Rd., Romulus, MI 48174 with reserve, will sell by the unit to the highest bidder by CASH all rights, title and interest to the following property:

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- #277-D. Santos
- #276-J. Jacoby
- #186-F. Mallard
- #116-W. Keating
- #054-D. Tozer
- #043-A. Wilkins
- #220-D. Tozer

On November 30, 2006, the Van Buren Township Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded and abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin at 10:00am, at J&T Towing and Storage, 237 Industrial Dr., Belleville, MI, County of Wayne, where the following will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

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- 1B3HD46TORF330068
- 44-764-06
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Blanket Days

Blankets sought by American Red Cross

Meghan Chatham
Staff Writer

A blanket may not seem like an ideal gift, but for area charities, it is far from mundane.

The American Red Cross will host the 19th annual American Red Cross Blanket Days for the Homeless campaign through Jan. 1. According to Ronald Grant, spokesperson for the American Red Cross of Southeastern Michigan, the campaign began as a way to keep area shelters supplied with something they need each year.

The Blanket Days program, which collects new twin size blankets for shelters throughout southeastern Michigan, has been growing ever since. This year, more than 125 businesses, schools, churches, and commu-

nity groups have agreed to collect the blankets, which will be distributed next November when the shelters are beginning to run out of supplies.

Among the shelters that benefit from the project are the Wayne County Family Center in Westland, First Step in Plymouth, and the Counterpoint Shelter and Crisis Center in Inkster.

"We look forward to Blanket Days every year," said Carol Eddy, director of the Wayne County Family Center. "For us, it's a huge donation."

The shelter, which serves about 500-600 individuals each year, including about 140 families, tends to go through a lot of blankets, she said. Last week, they received 100 regular and 25 crib size blankets collected during the drive last year.

"They help our center a great deal," she said. "It may seem minor to some people, but it means a lot to us."

Red Cross sponsors hope to collect 7,000 new twin size blankets this year, Grant said. That was the collection goal for last year, too. In 2005, they exceeded their goal by collecting 8,000 blankets.

To make the program possible, Red Cross donation sites have been set up in businesses throughout the tri-county area. Many of these drop boxes are for employees only, but others are open to the public. One such public drop-off site is located at Chief Pontiac Federal Credit Union, 31100 Palmer Road in Westland. Blankets may also be left at Edward Jones Financial Services, located at 128 North Center St. in Northville.

Canton library to restrict use Jan. 2

The Canton Public Library will enforce borrowing restrictions for Belleville, Van Buren Township and Sumpter Township patrons starting in January.

According to Library Director Jean Tabor, the usage of the Canton Library in recent years by Belleville area patrons has increased significantly. Last year

70,000 items were borrowed and this year the number was even higher, she said.

About 95 percent of the library revenues come from Canton property owners, therefore, they have a responsibility to see that they have access to the materials of the library, Tabor said.

The Canton Library Board of

Trustees approved the restrictions which will start Jan. 2, 2007. Belleville cardholders will then be limited to two items per card per visit.

Full privileges at the Canton Library are available by purchasing a non-resident card for \$170 per year. The card would allow the entire family to use it.

Battery is crucial to car maintenance



by John Folino

Hi folks. The last time we got together, we talked about maintenance issues as we approached the winter months. I can't stress enough importance about having your vehicle ready before the first major snowstorm of the year. One area that we didn't cover last time was the electrical system. How many times has someone told you that their battery was dead when that first frigid Michigan winter day hit us? These problems can be easily avoided by having your battery and electrical system checked by a qualified technician. Most everyone knows that car batteries have limited life. Weather conditions, poor grounding of the electrical system, corrosion, and frayed wires can lead to premature battery failure. Most batteries have a usage life of three to five years. As your vehicle ages, the battery will wear and in some instances, sulfate or fail completely. Sulfating occurs when the inner plates of the battery deteriorate and sulfate insulates these plates, not allowing an efficient charge to occur. Since automotive batteries contain acid, you should let a technician inspect and maintain the battery and electrical system. Batteries

have been known to leak, explode, and electrical systems and components have failed because of improper charging and/or jumping.

Be aware that electrical problems can surface with the alternator, and electrical components that can fail and lead to computer problems with your vehicle. Michigan has a high percentage of electrical issues and failures due to the salt usage in winter. Salt or salt water mixed with copper wires causes corrosion and wire failure. In addition, electrical resistance within the system is affected by the corrosion and can cause erratic symptoms to most of the electrical components on your vehicle. One way to help avoid these problems is to rinse the salt off your vehicle on a regular basis, not only on the exterior of the car, but the under carriage and engine compartment, too. I hope this information is beneficial and helps you avoid costly repairs and service. If you have any questions about your vehicle, e-mail me at johnf@switchtolariche.com or contact me through the Journal webpage at www.journalgroup.com. Be careful and drive safe!

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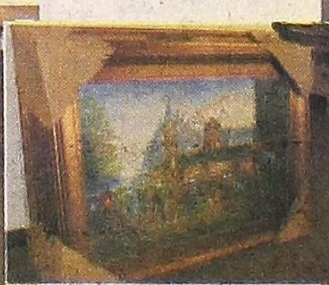
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